



Parent leaflet: Spring 1

Class: Eagles and Hawks

Our topic this half term is: Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Our Power of Reading is 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'



Our learning this half term:

- Multiplication; use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. To write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the learnt multiplication tables.
- Writing descriptions in story with a focus on 'character'
- Writing Poetry
- Understanding different types of non-fiction through writing a persuasive text- a tourist guide book-
- Immersing ourselves in a chosen text- Arthur and the Golden Rope
- Composing music using the flute/violin
- Melting — Solids, liquids and gasses/ changes in materials.
- Investigate art, craft and design in different traditions. E.g. weaving, Viking runes.
- Internet safety. Conducting effective research.
- The Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England. Ask historic questions about change, cause, similarity, difference and significance.

Ongoing learning:

- Daily reading sessions
- Learning spellings of the Year 4 spelling patterns- set weekly on **Spelling Shed**
- Consonant suffixes - tion, sion, ssion, cian; further work on adverbs; words with double consonants.
- Handwriting- letter formation /fluency in joining letters
- **TT Rock-stars**- daily practise
- Grammar- adverbials, varying use of conjunctions.

Key dates or things to remember:

Hawks: Please make sure that you have your flute in school every Thursday afternoon.

Eagles: Please make sure that you have your violins in school every Thursday afternoon.

Also, PE kits are needed on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Useful ways to support learning at home:

- Continue reading as often as possible and develop reading skills through asking children to predict what might happen next, summarise a chapter or discuss meaning of new words. Ask your child thought provoking questions about what they are reading.
- Read a variety of texts: stories, poetry, non-fiction, magazines, etc.
- Use the internet to research current topics